

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Agreement with Guthrie County for Design and Construction of Bridge  
and Related Structures**

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The Commission is requested to approve an agreement between the Department and Guthrie for the County to provide for the engineering, consulting and construction of a water control structure at Bays Branch Wildlife Management Area in Guthrie County, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.

Guthrie County, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation, is in the process of reconstruction a bridge bisecting the Bays Branch WMA. As part of a bridge reconstruction, the Department has identified an opportunity to install a water control structure at the site of the reconstruction. The water control structure will allow for water level management to control rough fish, enhance aquatic vegetation, improve water quality, and increase waterfowl and shorebird use of this important wildlife area.

As part of this agreement, Guthrie County will provide the engineering and design services for and will oversee and contract for the construction of the water control structure at the same time it engineers, designs and constructs the bridge, using the following breakdown:

Engineering and Design:	\$ 7,500
Construction:	\$ 75,000

The Department will be responsible for the inspection of the water outlet structure and shall have rights to approve or disapprove such work in contracts executed by Guthrie County. By combining the project with Guthrie County's reconstruction project, the Department expects to save resources, both in staff time and money.

Ken Herring, Administrator  
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